ATL Roles & Responsibilities

ATL Perspectives

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KS Flooding
CA Wildfires
TOPOFF 4
WA State Flooding

Event Overview

What: Kansas Flooding
When: July 2007
Where: JFO in Witchita, KS

Duties

Key Duties

- Working with FEMA Log regarding distribution and delivery of water and ice to victims at POD's
- Preparing ESF #3 Status Reports, coordinating Mission Assignments, Closeout Letters and keeping track of USACE folks in ENGLink

Issues

Key Issues

- With LPRT gone, Commodity Teams may be required to assist FEMA Log with ice or water distribution even if we haven’t purchased any.
- FEMA’s use of IA TAC’s can result in numerous miscellaneous technical assistance missions for USACE – disposal of household waste (normal garbage) – repair of roads, review of scope of work, etc..

Event Overview

What: CA Wildfires

When: October-November 2007

Where: JFO in Pasadena, CA

Duties

Key Duties

- Working Nightshift first 12 Days!!!
- Preparing ESF #3 Status Reports, providing input to the JFO's IAP, coordinating Mission Assignments, Closeout Letters and keeping track of USACE folks in ENGLink

Issues

Key Issues

- Be prepared to do things we don't normally do in the name of politics – generators on houses.
- DO NOT GET STUCK WITH THE NIGHT SHIFT WHEN WE HAVE NO MISSIONS WORKING NIGHTS!!!! It is just plain brutal!!!

Issues

Key Issues

- USACE personnel need more training in operating under the ICS concept. Some FEMA Regions are compulsive about it, others are not, but we need to better understand what is expected of us and how to complete the forms in the correct fashion.
- Appears to be a trend towards more technical assistance missions. Need more Debris SME's trained and identified.

Event Overview

What: TOPOFF 4

When: October 2007

Where: RRCC X (Seattle area) and JFO in Portland, OR

Duties

Key Duties

- Preparing ESF #3 Status Reports, providing input to the JFO's IAP, coordinating Mission Assignments, Closeout Letters

Issues

Key Issues

- FEMA Regions are each unique and don’t all have the same level of knowledge as to USACE capabilities Region X Log folks (there really are none) didn’t know that USACE usually have the water, ice or temp power missions.
- ATL’s and TL’s need a better understanding of the Contaminated Debris mission.
- Always need to have a hard copy and an electronic copy of the Pre-Scripted Mission Assignments – seems not all FEMA are familiar with them.

Event Overview

What: WA State Flooding
When: December 2007
Where: NWS EOC

Issues

Key Issues

- FEMA Regions are each unique and don’t all have the same level of knowledge as to USACE capabilities.
- Region X did not activate any of the ESF’s.
- Issued us a Mission Assignment in early January for 6 Debris SME’s and forgot to tell us until the day they wanted them on the ground.
- Even if we are acting under our own authorities, we should have had someone at the JFO just for situational awareness.